

# AG CIRCLE

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## Ag Spirit Is Bustin' Out All Over

By Carrie Lawson, Ag Science  
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On behalf of the entire College of Agriculture Open House '97 Planning Committee, we would like to extend a warm invitation to attend this spring's Open House. We would like to say a special "Hello" to all of the future students coming to visit our campus.

Our committee has worked very hard to coordinate not only the efforts of staff, faculty, and students within the

College of Agriculture, but also the plans of the University Wide Open House Committee. The result will be a weekend that showcases the accomplishments and activities of the College of Agriculture to potential students, alumni and the community.

In a nutshell, we are EXCITED to be part of the planning process for this event!

We became friends our freshman year at school while living in the Sierra Madre dorms. After working on various projects together such as

the Agriculture Ambassadors and planning the Friday Activities for Open House '96, we decided to chair this event. Since this is our last year at Cal Poly, we wanted to make sure we planned an event that would carry on the tradition of EXCELLENCE in



*Moooove into Cal Poly*

the College of Agriculture.

We have seen the activities of Open House develop over the last few years. Several years ago the College of Agriculture began hosting an open house-style event called AgriView. When a University Wide Open House began in 1994, the College of Agriculture modified its event to coincide with Open House. In recent years, the College of Agriculture Open House has grown to include a Friday program dedicated to prospective students and their families. This

includes student and parent panels and a BBQ lunch. Saturday has become filled with club related activities and booths ranging from body fat testing to tractor pulls. The College of Agriculture Open House Planning Committee hopes that our visitors don't miss a single event by coordinating schedules and information that exist in the College of Agriculture.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Open House '97 in April. We are proud to be the leaders of this year's College of Agriculture Open House Planning Committee and we hope that you enjoy the weekend as much as we've enjoyed planning it!



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# Tractor Pull: 7000 Horsepower

*By Ben Madonna, Agribusiness*

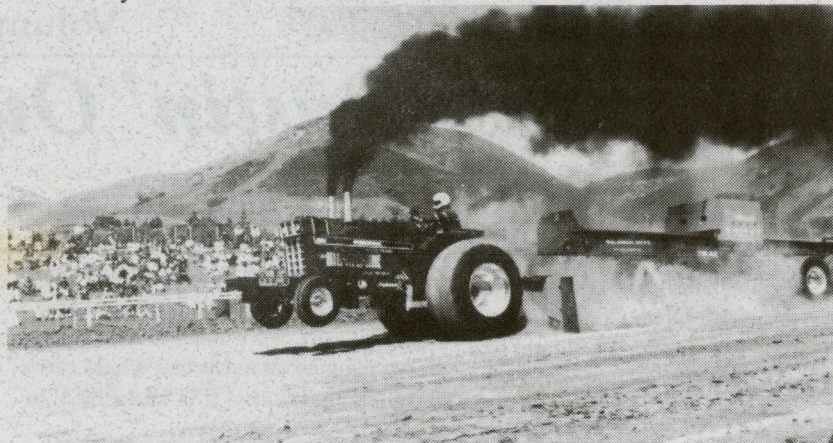
Smoke billowing out of dual smokestacks with the roar of the engines drowning out everything is what spectators will see and hear at the second annual Open House Tractor Pull. On Saturday, April 19th, at 1:30 p.m., the second annual tractor pull will commence. It will be held at the Cal Poly airfield. Students and faculty have spent months preparing for the event by building bleachers and preparing the ground.

Cal Poly played a crucial role in the development of tractor pulls on the west coast. The tractor pull began at Cal Poly in 1972. In 1973, a weight transfer machine, commonly known as a sled, was built by an agriculture engineering student for his

senior project. Over the years, the tractor pull has gained fame all over.

Ag Engineering Professor, Gary Weisenberger, will unveil a new sled at this year's event. The tractor

pull will showcase 7000 horsepower, noise, competition, and more fun than you could ever anticipate!



*Smoookin' at the open house tractor pull!*

## Cal Poly Agriculture Wants You!

*By Jennifer Nilsen, Ag Science*

The Cal Poly College of Agriculture welcomes the new students for fall of '97. Exciting things are happening with Cal Poly's agriculture majors. Here is a glance at some of the majors and what they have to offer:

**Agribusiness:** Provides students with real word concepts and prepares them for the future in agriculture. The ambitious staff coaches their nationally recognized NAMA team.

**Agriculture Science:** Prepares students for agriculture teaching, agriculture communications, and international agriculture. This major produces 50% of the agriculture teachers in California.

**Agriculture Engineering and Agriculture Systems management:** Students work with designs and implement these designs from an engineering standpoint. Agriculture engineering offers an agriculture safety class, the only undergraduate class offered in the state. These

majors learn through hands-on teaching.

**Animal Science:** Through comprehensive programs the Animal Science Department offers a beef, sheep, swine, poultry, and horse unit for the students' use. Animal Science creates intense learning-by-doing with four active clubs: Boots and Spurs, Cutting and Reining, Veterinary Science and Poultry clubs.

**Crop Science:** Offers diversity and opportunity to enhance future employment. There are presently 250 active Crop Science students. This supportive department has an active Crops Club.

**Dairy Science:** The dairy herd includes purebred Jerseys and Holsteins, located on a well-planned unit, where feeding, milking, calf raising, artificial insemination, and management are carried out. The campus creamery is well-developed with modern processing equipment.

**Food Science and Nutrition:** Provides practical relevance and a variety of different job opportunities,

from health fields to USDA inspection. They utilize the Pilot Plant, which gives students hands-on learning training by making their own food products.

**Natural Resource Management:** Has two great majors, Forestry and Natural Resources and Recreation Administration. Both are accredited and highly recognized in the industry and government, as leading the way in curriculum development.

**Environmental Horticulture Science:** Offers an opportunity to work with the outdoors and work with plants to enhance the environment.

**Soil Science:** Utilizes a program that integrates plants and soil. They offer hands-on learning in soil testing and plant analyze. Offering one of the best programs in environmental awareness in the western United States.





# Riding and Roping to Win the Rodeo

**By Ben Madonna, Agribusiness, and Janice Luke, Environmental Horticulture Science**

Clouds of dust, snorting bulls and the cheer of the crowd; it must be time for the 58th annual Cal Poly Rodeo.

The weekend is filled with three performances; one during Open House Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The Cal Poly Rodeo is one of the oldest and largest rodeos on the U.S. intercollegiate circuit. The team competes in various events ranging from team roping and barrel racing, to bull riding and saddle bronc riding.

Tom Clark, one of the up and coming stars on the Cal Poly rodeo team, is a freshman from Redmond, Ore. He competes in bull riding, bareback bronc riding, team roping

and calf roping. Another star on the team is Judy Tynell, a junior transfer student from Gardnerville, Nev. She competes in team roping, goat tying and breakaway roping.

The Cal Poly Rodeo draws fans and participants from all over California. The rodeo offers fans a taste of the "old west," presented by modern day collegiate rodeo athletes.



## Don't Forget to Bring Your Appetite

**By Katie Hoag, Ag Science**

Many of the agriculture clubs at Cal Poly will be selling lunch, snacks, and Cal Poly club wear. Come take a look at a few active clubs during Open House '97.

**ACT (Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow), Collegiate FFA, (CFFA):** Will sell sandwiches, salads, drinks, sweatshirts, T-shirts and hats while displaying their educational contest.

**Ag Engineering Society:** Will host its annual tractor pull at the Cal Poly air strip at 1:30 p.m. and have a booth/display that will sell tractor pull T-shirts.

**Ag Business Management Club (ABM):** Will sell their famous strawberry sundaes in building 10 room 220. They will have an educational display explaining all the possibilities in ag business, as well as different ag business concentrations offered at Cal Poly.

**Boots and Spurs Club:** Will host Cow Patty Bingo at the Rodeo. They will sell T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and drinks.

**Crops Club:** Will have a BBQ, along with their educational display.

**Environmental Horticulture:** Will have many activities at the horticulture unit, as well as in building 11, rooms 102 or 103.

**Food Science Club:** Will have

a Nacho Bar, educational display, and tours of the Pilot Plant. They will sell T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats.

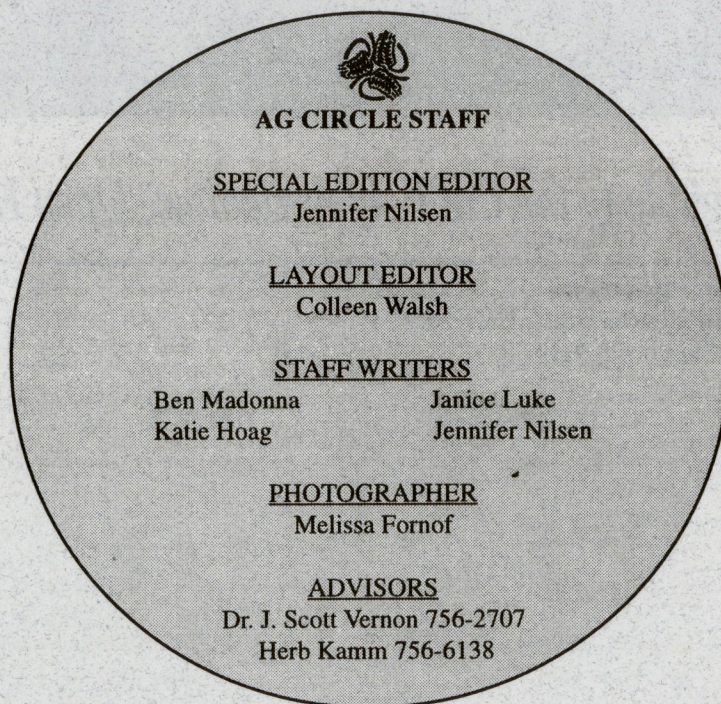
**Latinos in Agriculture:** Will sell burritos, rice and drinks. They will have an educational display with information of careers in the field of agriculture.

**Logging Club and Natural Resources Management Club:** Will have an educational display of their club and forestry management. They will sell T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats.

**Los Lecheros Dairy Club:** Will feature a fitting and showing contest at the Dairy Unit from 9-11 a.m. Los Lecheros will sell Cal Poly ice cream, made with Cal Poly milk by Cal Poly students!

**Soil Science Club:** Will have an educational display with sodas, T-shirts and hats.

**Vet Science Club:** Will have an educational display about its major, club activities and the industry.





# Come Take a Look at Cal Poly



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